T. W. Garrison.

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January 8th 1853.

My dear Friend,

I am anxious to have your autograph, so take this way of inducing you to send it, if you can find time to answer my note, and say whether you realy mean to come to our Convention in the Spring or no? It will make some difference in our arrangements if you will come, as we all want you first of any one but it seems important that we should know that we may secure such as may have an influence not easily forgotten. We have every reason to feel that our Convention last year did much good, imperfect as it was and I think it all important that some of those who are imbued with the true principles should

participate in the meeting as well as that the feminine element should be represented I have written urgently to Miss Stone - should you see her urge her coming - I am very anxious that she should be there next season - for various reasons We are encouraged in many ways about our prospects here one especially, that so many are willing to read the Liberator and altho the fact of our taking the 'Liberator' 'Standard and Bugle stamps us somewhat - 'infidel' few in the Society shrink from it. Three or four left us last year on account of it, - but they have come back. I wish you would have 6 copies sent for the use of the Society - besides Mrs Guilds. I think the more we can get read the better. - It is a great step in advance that we could make the appropriation at all. I was

gladdened by the unanimous expression of assent - when I proposed it. I was much amused to see your just your acknowledgment - just under Mr Boyntons. was it done on purpose? I really believe Mr Boynton was melted by our returning him good for evil. our donation to his paper was quite unexpected to him, for he has never been to our Bazaars and never, as a participant to our Convention. But - I think it will do him good. on the strength of it, they let us have their Vestry for the first time for our Annual meeting this week. - At which the Society presented me, (very unexpectedly) with a beautiful Silver Pitcher - on our tenth Anniversary - It was very gratifying to me for where there are so many differing opinions - one can scarcely take the

prominent part - I have done with
out making some of them angry
But they all seem to wish to judge
me justly and hitherto we have
had a most happy harmony even
in our differences which after all
dont seem to separate.
Please attend to having the 6 copies
sent and write me word what
we may hope for in the Spring -
with / two or three Autographs
of your
if you please - there are several
of those who are very anxious
to have it and it wont
take you long for they are
faithful friends
Love to Mrs Garrison and believe
me yours most sincerely
Sarah Otis Ernst.